



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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October 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

November 12: Patrick Bolan, KJ7ZSU, “Head Wrangler” of Geochron, will give an overview of the new Ham Radio Bundle for the Digital Geochron 4K, as well as some of the history of Geochron. VIA ZOOM.

December 10: Holiday party. Details TBA

January 14: Wayne Michael, AC9HP, Parks On The Air (POTA) Presentation

February 11: Dave Arland’s Annual CES Highlights

March 11: Jason Edwardson, from the Indiana War Memorial, USS Indpls Radio Room

April 8: RF Exposure Testing explained from ARRL

Highlights from the October Meeting:

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:32 by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT.

There were 26 in attendance.

New Hams: Mark Sweet, N2MSJ, is a newly licensed General Class operator (*who upgraded to Extra the day after this meeting. Congratulations, Mark! - Ed.*)

There were no technical questions. David stated that we are hopeful that we will be meeting at IFD headquarters starting in December. Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Bandy,

KJ9B, stated that 2022 dues are payable now (more details further down in this newsletter). Ken also reminded those present of how to support the club via Kroger Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, and Facebook (again, more details further down in this newsletter). David stated that elections for the officers and directors of the club would occur at the November meeting. Anyone wishing to make a nomination, send an email to president@indyradioclub.org. David asked anyone with any ideas for programs to send those to him at the same email address.

David said we are currently planning on having a pitch-in dinner for our December meeting. Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, will be coordinating the December festivities, and would like to have pictures of radio operations, particularly older pictures, to be sent to him at n9nic@arrl.net.

Jim Rinehart, K9RU, announced that we need to get some younger Volunteer Examiners for the Radio Club's VE Team. Most of the club's current VEs are over 70 years old, and this need was driven home by the unexpected passing of long-time IRC member and faithful VE team member, Tom Gwaltney, N9PDC.

Next, David introduced the evening's presenters, Brent Walls, N9BA, ARRL Central Division Vice Director and Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, Central Division Director. Brent went over the leadership structure of the ARRL:

- CEO - David Minster, NA2AA
- Director of Operations - Robert Naumann, W5OV
- Field Services Manager - Gary Walters, W8ZY
- Regulatory Manager - Bart Jahnke, W9JJ
- Board of Directors consisting of the 15 Division Directors and Officers.

In the Indiana section, Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, is Section Manager, and Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, is EM Comm. coordinator.

Carl gave some FCC updates. He said there are several petitions and NPRMs (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) that are 5 - 7 years old. Among the amateur radio related items that are pending is changing from a 300 baud data rate to 2.8 KHz bandwidth on the 10 meters and lower bands; Expanding 80 meter RTTY by 50 KHz; and the proposed expanded Technician class operating privilege enhancement.

ARRL membership benefits were discussed, such as the various publications that are available, the Learning Network, Product Reviews, various electronic newsletters, free license modifications, email forwarding service, outgoing QSL bureau, digital access to

archives of past issues of QST magazine, a vote in ARRL elections, and most of all, to be a part of the largest Amateur Radio focused organization.

There were some good comments and questions from the floor regarding getting new and younger hams involved in the hobby, and keeping them involved with things such as the Welcome Net, in south and central Indiana.

The meeting was adjourned to informal conversation at 8:35 pm.

Ham Radio News:

CLUB DUES ARE DUE, AND PAYABLE VIA PAYPAL NOW!

Club Dues are receivable at any time. Dues paid from now until the end of the year will apply to 2022 membership. Individual dues are \$20 per year, or Family dues are \$30 per year (all family members need to live in the same household). Dues can be paid with PayPal at treasurer@indyradioclub.org. Be sure to send the payment as a “friend”, **not** for “goods and services”. This will prevent any fees being assessed to the payment. For those that don’t have a PayPal account, you can send a check made out to “Indianapolis Radio Club” to Ken Bandy, 7405 E. County Road 900 N, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

As an added incentive for membership in the club, once we start meeting in person, we will have periodic door prize drawings for items such as gift certificates for equipment vendors, and such. Only up to date members present at that meeting will be eligible for these drawings.

SUPPORT THE CLUB VIA KROGER, AMAZON, AND FACEBOOK

How would you like to support the Indianapolis Radio Club without it costing you anything? Well, when you buy groceries from Kroger, or make purchases from Amazon, you can do just that. The Indianapolis Radio Club is registered with both the “Kroger Community Rewards” program and the “Amazon Smile” program.

To use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Point your browser to <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB either by name or the club's designator of GE677 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a free rewards card. ***"Insider tip" from your editor: We always buy gift cards at Kroger for restaurants and other vendors we frequent. Gift card purchases always are worth at least double points toward gas discounts. Fairly often gift cards are worth 4x points. We quite often get a dollar per gallon gas discount. That adds up quickly when filling a 25 gallon tank!***

To use the Amazon Smile Program:

Point your browser to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4968059> This link should take you to smile.amazon.com, and automatically ask if you want to support the Indianapolis Radio Club. Once you get set up to support the club with your Amazon purchases, remember to always go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> when placing your Amazon orders.

If you're a Facebook member, when your birthday is approaching, you will be given the opportunity to select a nonprofit organization to support. The Indianapolis Radio Club is one of the groups that can be chosen. You can select the amount that you are hoping to raise, and your Facebook friends will be given the opportunity to send a tax deductible contribution to the club via the Network for Good. There will be no fees withheld by Facebook or the Network for Good for these donations.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER

The Indianapolis Radio Club's Volunteer Examiner (VE) team is looking for additional (preferably younger) members. The majority of the club's active VE team members are over 70 years old, and with the recent unexpected passing of long time team member Tom Gwaltney, N9PDC, the need for additional members was amplified. If you're a General or Extra class licensee, and interested in giving back to the hobby, go to <http://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve> to see what it takes to become a VE. Since the IRC's VE team is ARRL affiliated, you will need to complete the online application and 40 question open book review to become an ARRL VE. Once qualified as an ARRL VE, or if you have further questions regarding the VE program, contact the IRC's VE team liaison, Jim Rinehart, K9RU, at k9ru@arrl.net.

ARRL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for the 2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program will open on November 1, 2021. More than 100 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 will be awarded in 2022. All applicants must be active, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators and submit an online application. For more details, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program>.

OKLAHOMA HAM INVOLVED WITH SHORT FILM PRODUCTION

A 2021 Field Day chat with visitors from a Young Actors Workshop in Oklahoma led to Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW, getting involved, as a technical consultant, with the filming of the 34 minute film *NIGHT*. The film is centered around the premise that the sun fails to rise one morning, taking with it commercial power and communications. Ham radio (40 meter phone) is used in the film by a young ham to call a trusted friend. For the full story, including a link to the film on YouTube, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/the-premiere-of-night-the-movie>.

COOL TOOL FOR FINDING HAMS

I might have mentioned this tool before, but it is very useful for finding hams close to you or in other areas, based on callsign, grid square, zip code, or street address. Go to <https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map> to give it a try.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA

Date: Oct 16 2021

Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Joe March

(317) 224-9433

Email: jmarch54@att.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Sheriff's Campus Training Room
CALL AHEAD
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Oct 19 2021
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477
Sponsor: SCICSG
Date: Oct 19 2021
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue
935 Repp Dr
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Nov 06 2021
Time: 11:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689

Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church 08-01 session full pre-register
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Greenfield IN 46140-1100
Sponsor: Hancock ARC
Date: Nov 06 2021
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: David Keiser
(317) 440-8486
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E McKenzie Rd
SE Corner Door 10
Greenfield IN 46140

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP
Date: Nov 13 2021
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Nov 16 2021

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the October, 2011 *Amachewer*:

As you may have heard from other sources, the venerable kit maker, Heathkit, is getting back into selling kits. The company, that was started in 1926 by Eddie Heath, and was very popular among hams from the 50s through the 80s had gotten out of producing electronics kits for the “build it yourself” crowd, and for the past 20 or so years has been known as “Heathkit Educational Systems”. They are now selling their first new kit, the GPA-100, Garage Parking Assistant. According to their web site (http://www.heathkit.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=123&Itemid=237), they plan on marketing ham radio kits as well.

[The URL above is no longer good, but it appears Heathkit still has an active web store at <https://shop.heathkit.com/shop> - Ed.]

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Shelbyville Tailgate Hamfest: October 16 at the Shelby Co. Fairgrounds. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/shelbyville-2021-tailgate> for more info.
- Hamtober Fest: October 23 at the Lynnville Community Center. Go to <http://www.w9og.net/hamtoberfest-hamfest-2021> for more info.
- Fort Wayne Hamfest/2021 ARRL Central Division Convention: November 13 & 14 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Go to <http://acarts.com/hfmain.htm> for more info.
- TurkeyFest: November 27 at the Clay County Fairgrounds, Brazil, IN. Go to www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/turkeyfest_2021.pdf for more details.

2021 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
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- Dir. at large: Jay Kraus, W9TC - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Jeff Hammer, N9NIC - board@indyradioclub.org
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- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org